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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 6th/July, through Sunday, 13th/July there were 214 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, AP, BV, BY, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, D6, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, I, IS, J3, J7, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP6, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

HELP "MAY" BE ON THE WAY! Last week it was announced that Monk Apollo does not have a working radio, so this means **Mount Athos (SV/A)** is now silent. The members of the Northern Ohio DX Association have decided to help Monk Apollo get back on the air. Since NODXA has not heard of any other organization stepping forward to help, they have decided to try to collect funds to purchase another radio for Monk Apollo. Currently, NODXA is looking for "PLEDGES ONLY" to see if there is enough interest to help supply Monk Apollo with another radio. Once NODXA is sure that there is enough interest, there will be an address announced to where to send the donations (also some other details). For now, please send your "PLEDGES ONLY" to: kb8nw@arrl.net

9M6, EAST MALAYSIA. Operators JA2KPV/Hiro, JF2UED/Tetsu and JJ2QXI/Mack will be active from Hillview Gardens Resort station, 9M6AAC, between **July 24-29th**. The operators' callsigns to be used will be **9M6/homecall**. They will participate in the **IOTA Contest** (just for fun). They are planning to operate on 160-6 meters, including the WARC bands, on CW/RTTY/SSB. Mack informs OPDX, "I know 9M6 is not so rare of an entity, but I would like to take as much time as possible to be on the air based on QSO requests." For any SKED on a particular band/mode or comments, please visit the Web page at: http://jj2qxi.tripod.com/ QSLs should go to operators' home callsign.

9N, NEPAL. Kiyo, JH3PAS, will take a holiday in **Katmandu**, Nepal, August 11-19th. He will be using the callsign **9N7AS** on the HF bands, CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. This is his third visit to Nepal, and this time he wants to make many contacts with U.S. and S.A. stations. He will concentrate on 30 meters and CW, RTTY/PSK31 modes. Don't expect any low band activities because of the summer season. QSL via his home callsign by SASE direct only to: Kiyotaka Ichikawa, IssikiI-Nishi 1-74-3, Hiraoka, Kakogawa, 675-0117 JAPAN.

BN0, TAIWAN. Mark, JJ1TBB, informs OPDX that he has just received his authorized license and callsign from the Taiwan Authority to operate as **BN0F** dated July 1, 2003. He passed Taiwan's Advanced class examination during this past March. The CTARL executives said that he was the first case as a foreigner to pass Taiwan's exam written in Chinese. Mark would like to operate 80-6 meters CW/SSB and is preparing to import a Cushcraft R6000 antenna. The BN0F QSL route is via JL1ANP, Mr. Tadashi Watanabe. Mark adds that he still has permission to use/operate as **BU2/JJ1TBB**. The BU2/JJ1TBB QSL route is the same as BN0F.

C6, BAHAMAS (Update/Additional). As mentioned in last week's bulletin, Steve/AK0M and his wife Sandy/KC0RD will be active as **C6ASB** and **C6ASC**, repectively, on **Abaco Island** (**NA-080**) from **July 22-30th**. QSLs for both callsigns go via AK0M.

DXCC NEWS. Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, announced this past week that the following stations are approved for DXCC credit for Timor-Leste:

4W1BK (Effective 22 May 2003)	**4W3CW** (Effective 16 May 2003)
4W3AN (Effective 19 May 2003)	**4W3DX** (Effective 22 May 2003)

FO/A, AUSTRAL ISLANDS. Richard/DJ4OI, Andy/DL3GA, Markus/DL1IAN and Joachim/DF6IC plan to be active from **Tubuai**, Autral Islands (**OC-152**), from **September 18th to October 3rd**. They plan to have two stations with beams and linears and be active on 80-6 meters, including the WARC bands on SSB, CW, RTTY and possibly the other digital modes. Their callsigns will probably be **FO/homecall/A**. QSL via homecall, bureau cards are welcome.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **EU-012**. Look for Peter to sign **MM5PSL/p** from **Fair Isle** (SCOTIA SH-09, WW Loc. IO99en) and **Fair Isle South Lighthouse** (ARLHS reference SCO 079) from **August 3-6th**. He will try to operate as much as possible and late into his night. QSL direct to WA7OBH.
- **EU-042**. Thomas, DJ5DT, will be active as **DJ5DT/p** from **Sylt** in North Frisian Islands during the **RSGB IOTA Contest** (**July 26-27th**) as a 12 hour CW entry. QSL via DJ5DT.

- **EU-080**. (UPDATE to OPDX.610) Remember a multi-national team will be active from **Ons Island**, **July 25-27th**, and during the **IOTA Contest**. Jose, CT1EEB, reports that the online logs will be posted as soon as the activity begins. For details, please have a look at: http://www.qsl.net/ed1ons/ The **ED1ONS** QSL card Jpeg file is already on the homepage and QSLs should be ready by the first day of activity. QSL via ED4URJ. This DXpedition is sponsored by REP - Oliveira de Azemeis Regional branch and URE - Jarama Regional branch.
- **EU-084**. Claes, SM0MPV, will be active as **SK0HS/5** to be active from **Vassaro Island** during the **RSGB IOTA Contest** (**July 26-27th**) as a Single-Op/Low Power entry. QSL via the Bureau or SM0MPV.
- **EU-123**. Operator MM0ROB and possibly others will activate **Great Cumbrae** as **GM5C** for the **RSGB IOTA Contest** (**July 26-27th**). QSL via GM0DEQ.
- **EU-140**. Walter, IN3XUG, was active this past weekend as **IV3/IN3XUG** from **Grado Island** (GO001 for Italian Island Award). He should be QRT by the time you read this. QSL via his home callsign.
- **EU-145**. Operators CT1AGF, CT1EPV and CT3FN will be active as CS5F from the **Lighthouse Cabo de Santa Maria**, **Culatra Island**, **July 19-20th**. LH reference numbers: LH 0144 / POR 013. QSL via HB9CRV/CT3FN: Hermann Stein, Brueelmatten 13, CH4410 Liestal, Switzerland. For more information, visit the Web page at: http://ct1end.netpower.pt/eu145_culatra_2003/
- **NA-026**. Mike, N2GC. will be active from **Long Island** in the **RSGB IOTA Contest** (**July 26-27th**). QSL via N2GC.
- **NA-031**. Two operators form Kansas, Alan/W0NO and Bruce/K0BJ, will be activating **Block Island, Rhode Island**, from **July 20-28th**, including the **IOTA Contest**. Activity and shakedown will occur during the week with individual callsign while they also do sightseeing with their families. QSL via bureau or direct.
- **NA-062**. John, W0JLC, will be active as **W0JLC/4** from **Marathon Island**, **FL**, during the **RSGB IOTA Contest** (**July 26-27th**) as a Low Power entry. QSL via the Bureau.
- **NA-068**. Members of the Fredericiton Amateur Radio Club, VE9ND, will activate **Miscou Island** as a Multi-Op entry in the **RSGB IOTA Contest Weekend**. Also, listen for VE9ND and others on 6 meters as they activate FN78 from this location as well. QSL via VE9XA's home address. Operators will be VE9AV/Dave, VE1ACU/ George, VE1JH/Brent and VE9XA/Tim.
- **NA-111**. Andy/**NP3D** and Sergio/**W2WB** will be active and using their own callsigns from **Long Beach Island** during the **RSGB IOTA Contest** (**July 26-27th**). Both will be Single-Op entries. QSL direct to their home callsigns.
- **NA-141**. Charles, W4SAA, will be active as **W4SAA/p** from **Virginia Key** during the **RSGB IOTA Contest** (**July 26-27th**) as a Single-Op/ 24 hour/CW entry. QSL via W4SAA, Bureau or the address on QRZ.com.
- **SA-015**. Javier, YV5MBX, reports to look for **YW5M** from **Los Monjes**, **July 14-20th**. Activity will be on 160-2 meters CW/SSB. The suggested frequencies are:
  - CW - 1825, 3510, 7010, 10110, 14010, 18010, 21010, 24845 and 28010 kHz
  - SSB - 1850, 3795, 7085, 14185, 18145, 21285, 24945 and 28485 kHz
  - 6m - 50110 kHz
  - 2m - 146.520 MHz simplex

  QSL via W4SO direct or by the bureau.

KP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Jeff, WB9CEJ, will be active as **KP2/WB9CEJ** from **St. John**

and **St. Thomas**, U.S. Virgin Islands (**NA-106**) between **July 14-19th**. His activity will be mainly on 20/17/15 meters, using CW/SSB. QSL to his home callsign.

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND ACTIVITY.....

- The Museum Ships Special Event, sponsored by the USS Cassin Young ARC, will take place between 0001z, **July 19th** to 2359z, **July 20th**. Over 72 ships and submarines will be taking part in this world-wide event. For a list of stations, please visit: http://www.qsl.net/ww2dd/event.html
- Look for **NA5DV** to be active from the historical **San Jacinto Battleground State Park** in south **Texas**. The Houston Vintage Radio Association is restoring the original radio room with vintage radios and will be operating the station on this Special Event weekend. Look them up at: http://www.hvra.org
- Members of USS Kidd ARC will operate **W5KID** in **Baton Rouge, LA**, aboard the **USS Kidd**, DD-661, with a minimum of two stations through the weekend. They will periodically put out a beacon on the APRS network, so you can go to the following Web page for updates on the frequencies where they are operating at: http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=w5kid
- **Lightship Columbia WLV-604** will be active as **W7BU** during the Museum Ships Weekend. QSL via W7LY. A #10 S.A.S.E. envelope will get you a certificate from the last Lightship to see service on the Pacfic coast.
- Fred Lesnick, VE3FAL, will be operating from aboard the **Tugboat James Whalen** on Saturday, **July 19th**, from 10am-4pm local time. This is also in conjunction with the annual HarborFest, so lots of people will be in and out. He is going to be putting up a 40 foot vertical that was given to the owner when one of the Canada Steamship Lines ships was scrapped in Thunder Bay. A picture of the Whalen is on the following Web page at: http://www.city.thunder-bay.on.ca/index.cfm/fuse/html/pg/297.htm

NEW AWARD AVAILABLE. OPDX has been informed that the IOTA-JA is now issuing "**Japanese IOTA Islands Award**". The JIIA Award is intended for working the IOTA island of Japan. The rules for this award can be found on the following web site at: English edition: http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage61.htm and Japanese edition: http://www.h4.dion.ne.jp/~ji6uru/jiia.html. The JIIA award issue is done on Monday, July 14, 2003.

PJ7, ST. MAARTEN (Possibly FS also!). Igor Slakva, VA3YDX (also US1IDX), will be active from PJ7-land as **PJ7/VE3YDX** from **July 12-26th**. He also hopes to be active as a mobile (**FS/VA3YDX/m**) from the French (FS) part of the island. He is on vacation with his family, so operating may be somewhat limited from his usual style. He hopes to be on RTTY and PSK as well as SSB and CW. His rig is an ICOM w/100 watts and wire antennas. He will be in the **HK Contest** as well as the **NA QSO RTTY Party**. QSL via his home callsign VA3YDX direct to: Igor Slakva, 2900 Bathurst Street, apt. #307, Toronto, Ontario M6B 3A9, CANADA. Bureau is "OK" also.

PZ, SURINAME. Three members of the Magnolia DX Association (MDXA) will be teaming up with PZ5RA to sponsor a major operation from here between **October 20-28th**. They will have two full HF stations, complete with beams and amplifiers and will be on all bands 160-10 meters. The team will also participate in the **2003 CQWW SSB Contest** as **PZ5A** and as a Multi-2 entry. This is a first ever 2x1 PZ special callsign for a contest operation. Individual

team members will sign **PZ5CQ** (KD5CQT), **PZ5FF** (K2FF) and **PZ5UE** (W5UE) before and after the contest. QSL PZ5A via W5UE. QSL PZ5CQ, PZ5FF and PZ5UE pre/post contest activity to the individual's home callsign. For updated details, watch MDXA's Web page at: http://www.mdxa.org/pz_2003.html

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- The complete RTTY logs for the **9N7DX** Nepal DXpedition (April-May, 2003) are now available on-line at the following two Web sites: Main site: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/search_9n7dx.html and Mirror: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/search_9n7dx.html
- Activity by **AT0HQ** was the HQ station of the Amateur Radio Society of India (ARSI), their national Society, for the IARU HF Championships Contest over the past weekend. Operator was Arasu, VU2UR. QSL via SM3DBU.
- Willie, DJ7RJ, has just received the QSL cards from the printer for his January **J79RJ** operation and will begin to start sending them out.
- Twelve IARU Italian HQ Stations were expected to be active in this past weekend's IARU Contest. Multiple stations were active as **IUxHQ** (e.g. IU2HQ,IU4HQ,IU9HQ) QSL all to ARI. Operators involved were I4UFH, IK2NCJ, IV3TAN, IK2QEI, I2WIJ, IK0YVV, IK0XBX, I0SNY, IT9EQO, IK2JUB, IK4MGP, IV3TAN, IV3OWC, IK2PFL, IK0AZG and possibly others.
- Naran, **JT1BV**, informed OPDX that he would be active on 40m during the past weekend's IARU HF World Championship. He states to QSL via the address on QRZ.com.
- QSL **JT1T** (a Multi-Op/Single in the IARU Contest) via the JT1KKA or the JT Bureau.
- Activity by **JY6ZZ** was the first ever IARU HQ activity in a IARU Contest this past weekend. According to Koji, JY9NX, Jordan's JY6ZZ RJARS HQ Station will not send QSLs via the mail. All QSOs will automatically be confirmed via the bureau. Operators were JY4NE, JY9QJ and JY9NX.
- A multi-op team activated **R7HQ** during the IARU Contest this past weekend. QSL via RW3RN (All QSOs will be auto-confirmed via the Bureau). Operators were RU1A, RW2F, UA6AF, RU6LWZ, UA9AYA (80PH,15PH) and UA9AT (160PH).
- A multi-op team activated **SK9HQ** during the IARU Contest this past weekend. QSL via SSA bureau.

T5/EI5C (Where are the doc's? -- Update!). Last week OPDX was asked to send out a "feeler" about the 1994 T5/EI5C operation. OPDX was contacted by ex-DXCC Manager Bill Kennamer, K5NX (ex-K5FUV), and he reported: "That operation was bogus. The reason they never sent doc's was that there are none. I found the operator had no license of his own, was bootlegging the club call, and had no authorization for Somalia."

TI2, COSTA RICA. Bob, W2BZY, will be active as **TI2/W2BZY** from **now through July 21st** from **San Jose**, Costa Rica. Activity will be on 40-6 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

TZ, MALI (Update and AMP put to the test!). The **August 12-23rd** DXpedition to Mali keeps preparing for their operation. They announced this past week that the team will be testing a new concept in Amplifiers. These amps are tiny and light but very powerful amps build in Spain with 400 watts outpower on SSB and CW. This DXpedition will be the amp's presentation and hard test to show that they are designed specially for DXpedition and mobile

operations. The DXpedition team will keep preparing everyhthing to work SSB, CW, RTTY and AO-40 SAT, all bands and especially 6 meters (if there is opening from Africa on this magic band). Antennas will be outstanding since they will use a very big roof surface to install them over a 4 floor building by the Niger River coast. Verticals, yagis and dipoles will be used to be on the air with 3 stations, 24 hours a day. The QSL Manager is EA4URE, the Spanish National Bureau.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT. Look for several members of SWODXA Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) to be active from **July 23-29th**. Thanks to Keith, VP8MEG, the group will be on the island for the **IOTA Contest**. The 8 members are: Joe/W8GEX, Byron/WA8NJR, Kirk/W8QID, Jim/K8FL, Wayne/K8LEE, Bill/W8KVU, Phil/W9IXX and Mike/N9NS. The team plans to have 5 stations on the air. Two on SSB/CW both with a 3 element triband beam and a 5 band HexBeam. They would like to thank Mike Traffie of Traffie Technology for the use of the HexBeam antenna. The PSK-31 and RTTY stations will use a R-7 vertical and 3 element beam on 6 meters. The two HF stations will be running MFJ 500 watts solid state amps. On six meters they will be using a 3 element beam provided by WZ8D and a Icom 706. Their grid square will be FK86. They also just received the callsign **VP2MX** which used to belong to Bob Billings, VE1YX. Please do not send Bob all the QSL cards. The QSL Manager is N8QET. Please mail them with a SASE for USA. All others send at lease 1 up-to-date IRC or 1 USD, include a SAE also. This trip is dedicated to the memory of Frank Schwab, W8OK, who was a long time member of the SWODXA.

XU, CAMBODIA (Update). OPDX was informed that Danny/M0GMT and Oliver/DJ9AO will use their assigned callsigns between **August 3-18th** as follows:

- **XU7ACT** for normal operations
- **XU7ACU** for the WAE CW Contest, August 9th and 10th only

QSLs are via G3SWH. A Web site is available, as well as online log checking. Please visit for updated information at: http://www.geocities.com/dxpedition2003/

YJ, VANUATU. Operators Trent/VK4TI, AJ/VK2IR, Chris/VK3FY and Les/VK3WA will be active as **YJ0X** in the **CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest** (**October 25-26th**) as a Multi-Single entry. Other operators are invited to join the crew by sending an E-mail to: trent@sampson.net.au QSL via VK4TI, using the QRZ.com address.

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